

# CALABI-YAU HYPERSURFACES IN THE DIRECT PRODUCT OF $\mathbb{P}^1$ AND INERTIA GROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.** We produce the family of Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces  $X_n$  of  $(\mathbb{P}^1)^{n+1}$  in higher dimension whose inertia group contains non commutative free groups. This is completely different from Takahashi's result [Ta98] for Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces  $M_n$  of  $\mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, we work over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Given an algebraic variety  $X$ , it is natural to consider its birational automorphisms  $\varphi: X \dashrightarrow X$ . The set of these birational automorphisms forms a group  $\text{Bir}(X)$  with respect to the composition. When  $X$  is a projective space  $\mathbb{P}^n$  or equivalently an  $n$ -dimensional rational variety, this group is called the Cremona group. In higher dimensional case ( $n \geq 3$ ), though many elements of the Cremona group have been described, its whole structure is little known.

Let  $V$  be an  $(n+1)$ -dimensional smooth projective rational manifold. In this paper, we treat subgroups called the “inertia group” (defined below (1.1)) of some hypersurface  $X \subset V$  originated in [Gi94]. It consists of those elements of the Cremona group that act on  $X$  as identity.

In Section 3, we mention the result (Theorem 3.2) of Takahashi [Ta98] about the smooth Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces  $M_n$  of  $\mathbb{P}^{n+1}$  of degree  $n+2$  (that is,  $M_n$  is a hypersurface such that it is simply connected, there is no holomorphic  $k$ -form on  $M_n$  for  $0 < k < n$ , and there is a nowhere vanishing holomorphic  $n$ -form  $\omega_{M_n}$ ). It turns out that the inertia group of  $M_n$  is trivial (Theorem 1.4). Takahashi's result (Theorem 3.2) is proved by using the “Noether-Fano inequality”. It is the useful result that tells us when two Mori fiber spaces are isomorphic. Theorem 1.4 is a direct consequence of Takahashi's result.

In Section 4, we consider Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces

$$X_n = (2, 2, \dots, 2) \subset (\mathbb{P}^1)^{n+1}.$$

Let

$$\text{UC}(N) := \overbrace{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} * \dots * \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^N = \bigstar_{i=1}^N \langle t_i \rangle$$

be the *universal Coxeter group* of rank  $N$  where  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$  is the cyclic group of order 2. There is no non-trivial relation between its  $N$  natural generators  $t_i$ . Let

$$p_i: X_n \rightarrow (\mathbb{P}^1)^n \quad (i = 1, \dots, n+1)$$

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be the natural projections which are obtained by forgetting the  $i$ -th factor of  $(\mathbb{P}^1)^{n+1}$ . Then, the  $n+1$  projections  $p_i$  are generically finite morphism of degree 2. Thus, for each index  $i$ , there is a birational transformation

$$\iota_i: X_n \dashrightarrow X_n$$

that permutes the two points of general fibers of  $p_i$  and this provides a group homomorphism

$$\Phi: \mathrm{UC}(n+1) \rightarrow \mathrm{Bir}(X_n).$$

From now, we set  $P(n+1) := (\mathbb{P}^1)^{n+1}$ . Cantat-Oguiso proved the following theorem in [CO11].

**Theorem 1.1.** ([CO11, Theorem 1.3 (2)]) *Let  $X_n$  be a generic hypersurface of multidegree  $(2, 2, \dots, 2)$  in  $P(n+1)$  with  $n \geq 3$ . Then the morphism  $\Phi$  that maps each generator  $t_j$  of  $\mathrm{UC}(n+1)$  to the involution  $\iota_j$  of  $X_n$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathrm{UC}(n+1)$  to  $\mathrm{Bir}(X_n)$ .*

Here “generic” means  $X_n$  belongs to the complement of some countable union of proper closed subvarieties of the complete linear system  $|(2, 2, \dots, 2)|$ .

Let  $X \subset V$  be a projective variety. The *decomposition group* of  $X$  is the group

$$\mathrm{Dec}(V, X) := \{f \in \mathrm{Bir}(V) \mid f(X) = X \text{ and } f|_X \in \mathrm{Bir}(X)\}.$$

The *inertia group* of  $X$  is the group

$$\mathrm{Ine}(V, X) := \{f \in \mathrm{Dec}(V, X) \mid f|_X = \mathrm{id}_X\}. \quad (1.1)$$

Then it is natural to consider the following question:

**Question 1.2.** Is the sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \mathrm{Ine}(V, X) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Dec}(V, X) \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathrm{Bir}(X) \longrightarrow 1 \quad (1.2)$$

exact, i.e., is  $\gamma$  surjective?

Note that, in general, this sequence is not exact, i.e.,  $\gamma$  is not surjective (see Remark 1.5). When the sequence (1.2) is exact, the group  $\mathrm{Ine}(V, X)$  measures how many ways one can extend  $\mathrm{Bir}(X)$  to the birational automorphisms of the ambient space  $V$ .

Our main result is following theorem, answering a question asked by Ludmil Katzarkov:

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $X_n \subset P(n+1)$  be a smooth hypersurface of multidegree  $(2, 2, \dots, 2)$  and  $n \geq 3$ . Then:*

- (1)  $\gamma: \mathrm{Dec}(P(n+1), X_n) \rightarrow \mathrm{Bir}(X_n)$  is surjective, in particular Question 1.2 is affirmative for  $X_n$ .
- (2) If, in addition,  $X_n$  is generic, there are  $n+1$  elements  $\rho_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ) of  $\mathrm{Ine}(P(n+1), X_n)$  such that

$$\langle \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_{n+1} \rangle \simeq \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z} * \cdots * \mathbb{Z}}_{n+1} \subset \mathrm{Ine}(P(n+1), X_n).$$

In particular,  $\mathrm{Ine}(P(n+1), X_n)$  is an infinite non-commutative group.

Our proof of Theorem 1.3 is based on an explicit computation of elementary flavour.

We also consider another type of Calabi-Yau manifolds, namely smooth hypersurfaces of degree  $n+2$  in  $\mathbb{P}^{n+1}$  and obtain the following result:

**Theorem 1.4.** Suppose  $n \geq 3$ . Let  $M_n = (n+2) \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$  be a smooth hypersurface of degree  $n+2$ . Then Question 1.2 is also affirmative for  $M_n$ . More precisely:

- (1)  $\text{Dec}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n) = \{f \in \text{PGL}(n+2, \mathbb{C}) = \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}) \mid f(M_n) = M_n\}$ .
- (2)  $\text{Ine}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n) = \{\text{id}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}\}$ , and  $\gamma: \text{Dec}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Bir}(M_n) = \text{Aut}(M_n)$ .

It is interesting that the inertia groups of  $X_n \subset P(n+1) = (\mathbb{P}^1)^{n+1}$  and  $M_n \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$  have completely different structures though both  $X_n$  and  $M_n$  are Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces in rational Fano manifolds.

**Remark 1.5.** There is a smooth quartic  $K3$  surface  $M_2 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $\gamma$  is not surjective (see [Og13, Theorem 1.2 (2)]). In particular, Theorem 1.4 is not true for  $n = 2$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we prepare some definitions and properties of birational geometry and introduce the Cremona group.

**2.1. Divisors and singularities.** Let  $X$  be a projective variety. A *prime divisor* on  $X$  is an irreducible subvariety of codimension one, and a *divisor* (resp.  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*divisor* or  $\mathbb{R}$ -*divisor*) on  $X$  is a formal linear combination  $D = \sum d_i D_i$  of prime divisors where  $d_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ ). A divisor  $D$  is called *effective* if  $d_i \geq 0$  for every  $i$  and denote  $D \geq 0$ . The closed set  $\bigcup_i D_i$  of the union of prime divisors is called the *support* of  $D$  and denote  $\text{Supp}(D)$ . A  $\mathbb{Q}$ -divisor  $D$  is called  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*Cartier* if, for some  $0 \neq m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $mD$  is a Cartier divisor (i.e. a divisor whose divisorial sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X(mD)$  is an invertible sheaf), and  $X$  is called  $\mathbb{Q}$ -*factorial* if every divisor is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Cartier.

Note that, since the regular local ring is the unique factorization domain, every divisor automatically becomes the Cartier divisor on the smooth variety.

Let  $f: X \dashrightarrow Y$  be a birational map between normal projective varieties,  $D$  a prime divisor, and  $U$  the domain of definition of  $f$ ; that is, the maximal subset of  $X$  such that there exists a morphism  $f: U \rightarrow Y$ . Then  $\text{codim}(X \setminus U) \geq 2$  and  $D \cap U \neq \emptyset$ , the image  $(f|_U)(D \cap U)$  is a locally closed subvariety of  $Y$ . If the closure of that image is a prime divisor of  $Y$ , we call it the *strict transform* of  $D$  (also called the *proper transform* or *birational transform*) and denote  $f_* D$ . We define  $f_* D = 0$  if the codimension of the image  $(f|_U)(D \cap U)$  is  $\geq 2$  in  $Y$ .

We can also define the strict transform  $f_* Z$  for subvariety  $Z$  of large codimension; if  $Z \cap U \neq \emptyset$  and dimension of the image  $(f|_U)(Z \cap U)$  is equal to  $\dim Z$ , then we define  $f_* Z$  as the closure of that image, otherwise  $f_* Z = 0$ .

Let  $(X, D)$  is a *log pair* which is a pair of a normal projective variety  $X$  and a  $\mathbb{R}$ -divisor  $D \geq 0$ . For a log pair  $(X, D)$ , it is more natural to consider a *log canonical divisor*  $K_X + D$  instead of a canonical divisor  $K_X$ .

A projective birational morphism  $g: Y \rightarrow X$  is a *log resolution* of the pair  $(X, D)$  if  $Y$  is smooth,  $\text{Exc}(g)$  is a divisor, and  $g_*^{-1}(D) \cup \text{Exc}(g)$  has simple normal crossing support (i.e. each components is a smooth divisor and all components meet transversely) where  $\text{Exc}(g)$  is an exceptional set of  $g$ , and a divisor *over*  $X$  is a divisor  $E$  on some smooth variety  $Y$  endowed with a proper birational morphism  $g: Y \rightarrow X$ .

If we write

$$K_Y + \Gamma + \sum E_i = g^*(K_X + D) + \sum a_{E_i}(X, D)E_i,$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the strict transform of  $D$  and  $E_i$  runs through all prime exceptional divisors, then the numbers  $a_{E_i}(X, D)$  is called the *discrepancies of  $(X, D)$  along  $E_i$* . The *discrepancy of  $(X, D)$*  is given by

$$\text{discrep}(X, D) := \inf\{a_{E_i}(X, D) \mid E_i \text{ is a prime exceptional divisor over } X\}.$$

The discrepancy  $a_{E_i}(X, D)$  along  $E_i$  is independent of the choice of birational maps  $g$  and only depends on  $E_i$ .

Let us denote  $\text{discrep}(X, D) = a_E$ . A pair  $(X, D)$  is *log canonical* (resp. *Kawamata log terminal (klt)*) if  $a_E \geq 0$  (resp.  $a_E > 0$ ). A pair  $(X, D)$  is *canonical* (resp. *terminal*) if  $a_E \geq 1$  (resp.  $a_E > 1$ ).

**2.2. Cremona groups.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer. The *Cremona group*  $\text{Cr}(n)$  is the group of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ , the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra of rational functions in  $n$  independent variables.

Given  $n$  rational functions  $F_i \in \mathbb{C}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , there is a unique endomorphism of this algebra maps  $X_i$  onto  $F_i$  and this is an automorphism if and only if the rational transformation  $f$  defined by  $f(X_1, \dots, X_n) = (F_1, \dots, F_n)$  is a birational transformation of the affine space  $\mathbb{A}^n$ . Compactifying  $\mathbb{A}^n$ , we get

$$\text{Cr}(n) = \text{Bir}(\mathbb{A}^n) = \text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^n)$$

where  $\text{Bir}(X)$  denotes the group of all birational transformations of  $X$ .

In the end of this section, we define two subgroups in  $\text{Cr}(n)$  introduced by Gizatullin [Gi94].

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $V$  be an  $(n+1)$ -dimensional smooth projective rational manifold and  $X \subset V$  a projective variety. The *decomposition group* of  $X$  is the group

$$\text{Dec}(V, X) := \{f \in \text{Bir}(V) \mid f(X) = X \text{ and } f|_X \in \text{Bir}(X)\}.$$

The *inertia group* of  $X$  is the group

$$\text{Ine}(V, X) := \{f \in \text{Dec}(V, X) \mid f|_X = \text{id}_X\}.$$

The decomposition group is also denoted by  $\text{Bir}(V, X)$ . By the definition, the correspondence

$$\gamma: \text{Dec}(V, X) \ni f \mapsto f|_X \in \text{Bir}(X)$$

defines the exact sequence:

$$1 \longrightarrow \text{Ine}(V, X) = \ker \gamma \longrightarrow \text{Dec}(V, X) \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{Bir}(X). \quad (2.1)$$

So, it is natural to consider the following question (which is same as Question 1.2) asked by Ludmil Katzarkov:

**Question 2.2.** Is the sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow \text{Ine}(V, X) \longrightarrow \text{Dec}(V, X) \xrightarrow{\gamma} \text{Bir}(X) \longrightarrow 1 \quad (2.2)$$

exact, i.e., is  $\gamma$  surjective?

**Remark 2.3.** In general, the above sequence (2.2) is not exact, i.e.,  $\gamma$  is not surjective. In fact, there is a smooth quartic  $K3$  surface  $M_2 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $\gamma$  is not surjective ([Og13, Theorem 1.2 (2)]).

### 3. CALABI-YAU HYPERSURFACE IN $\mathbb{P}^{n+1}$

Our goal, in this section, is to prove Theorem 1.4 (i.e. Theorem 3.3). Before that, we introduce the result of Takahashi [Ta98].

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $X$  be a normal  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial projective variety. The *1-cycle* is a formal linear combination  $C = \sum a_i C_i$  of proper curves  $C_i \subset X$  which are irreducible and reduced. By the theorem of the base of Néron-Severi (see [Kl66]), the whole numerical equivalent class of 1-cycle with real coefficients becomes the finite dimensional  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space and denotes  $N_1(X)$ . The dimension of  $N_1(X)$  or its dual  $N^1(X)$  with respect to the intersection form is called the *Picard number* and denote  $\rho(X)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** ([Ta98, Theorem 2.3]) *Let  $X$  be a Fano manifold (i.e. a manifold whose anti-canonical divisor  $-K_X$  is ample,) with  $\dim X \geq 3$  and  $\rho(X) = 1$ ,  $S \in |-K_X|$  a smooth hypersurface with  $\text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(S)$  surjective. Let  $\Phi: X \dashrightarrow X'$  be a birational map to a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -factorial terminal variety  $X'$  with  $\rho(X') = 1$  which is not an isomorphism, and  $S' = \Phi_* S$ . Then  $K_{X'} + S'$  is ample.*

This theorem is proved by using the *Noether-Fano inequality* which is one of the most important tools in birational geometry, which gives a precise bound on the singularities of indeterminacies of a birational map and some conditions when it becomes isomorphism.

This inequality is essentially due to [IM71], and Corti proved the general case of an arbitrary Mori fiber space of dimension three [Co95]. It was extended in all dimensions in [Ta95], [BM97], [Is01], and [dFe02], (see also [Ma02]). In particular, a log generalized version obtained independently in [BM97], [Ta95] is used for the proof of Theorem 3.2.

After that, we consider  $n$ -dimensional *Calabi-Yau manifold*  $X$  in this paper. It is a projective manifold which is simply connected,

$$H^0(X, \Omega_X^i) = 0 \quad (0 < i < \dim X = n), \quad \text{and} \quad H^0(X, \Omega_X^n) = \mathbb{C}\omega_X,$$

where  $\omega_X$  is a nowhere vanishing holomorphic  $n$ -form.

The following theorem is a consequence of the Theorem 3.2, which is same as Theorem 1.4. This provides an example of the Calabi-Yau hypersurface  $M_n$  whose inertia group consists of only identity transformation.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Suppose  $n \geq 3$ . Let  $M_n = (n+2) \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$  be a smooth hypersurface of degree  $n+2$ . Then  $M_n$  is a Calabi-Yau manifold of dimension  $n$  and Question 2.2 is affirmative for  $M_n$ . More precisely:*

- (1)  $\text{Dec}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n) = \{f \in \text{PGL}(n+2, \mathbb{C}) = \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}) \mid f(M_n) = M_n\}.$
- (2)  $\text{Ine}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n) = \{\text{id}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}\}, \text{ and } \gamma: \text{Dec}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Bir}(M_n) = \text{Aut}(M_n).$

*Proof.* By Lefschetz hyperplane section theorem for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\pi_1(M_n) \simeq \pi_1(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}) = \{\text{id}\}$ ,  $\text{Pic}(M_n) = \mathbb{Z}h$  where  $h$  is the hyperplane class. By the adjunction formula,

$$K_{M_n} = (K_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}} + M_n)|_{M_n} = -(n+2)h + (n+2)h = 0$$

in  $\text{Pic}(M_n)$ .

By the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}(-(n+2)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{M_n} \longrightarrow 0$$

and

$$h^k(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}(-(n+2))) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq n,$$

$$H^k(\mathcal{O}_{M_n}) \simeq H^k(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq n-1.$$

Hence  $H^0(\Omega_{M_n}^k) = 0$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n-1$  by the Hodge symmetry. Hence  $M_n$  is a Calabi-Yau manifold of dimension  $n$ .

By  $\text{Pic}(M_n) = \mathbb{Z}h$ , there is no small projective contraction of  $M_n$ , in particular,  $M_n$  has no flop. Thus by Kawamata [Ka08], we get  $\text{Bir}(M_n) = \text{Aut}(M_n)$ , and  $g^*h = h$  for  $g \in \text{Aut}(M_n) = \text{Bir}(M_n)$ .

So we have  $g = \tilde{g}|_{M_n}$  for some  $\tilde{g} \in \text{PGL}(n+1, \mathbb{C})$ . Assume that  $f \in \text{Dec}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n)$ . Then  $f_*(M_n) = M_n$  and  $K_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}} + M_n = 0$ . Thus by Theorem 3.2,  $f \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}) = \text{PGL}(n+2, \mathbb{C})$ . This proves (1) and the surjectivity of  $\gamma$ .

Let  $f|_{M_n} = \text{id}_{M_n}$  for  $f \in \text{Dec}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n)$ . Since  $f \in \text{PGL}(n+1, \mathbb{C})$  by (1) and  $M_n$  generates  $\mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ , i.e., the projective hull of  $M_n$  is  $\mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ , it follows that  $f = \text{id}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}$  if  $f|_{M_n} = \text{id}_{M_n}$ . Hence  $\text{Ine}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n) = \{\text{id}_{\mathbb{P}^{n+1}}\}$ , i.e.,  $\gamma$  is injective. So,  $\gamma: \text{Dec}(\mathbb{P}^{n+1}, M_n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Bir}(M_n) = \text{Aut}(M_n)$ .  $\square$

#### 4. CALABI-YAU HYPERSURFACE IN $(\mathbb{P}^1)^{n+1}$

As in above section, the Calabi-Yau hypersurface  $M_n$  of  $\mathbb{P}^{n+1}$  with  $n \geq 3$  has only identical transformation as the element of its inertia group. However, there exist some Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces in the product of  $\mathbb{P}^1$  which does not satisfy this property; as result (Theorem 4.2) shows.

To simplify, we denote

$$\begin{aligned} P(n+1) &:= (\mathbb{P}^1)^{n+1} = \mathbb{P}_1^1 \times \mathbb{P}_2^1 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{P}_{n+1}^1, \\ P(n+1)_i &:= \mathbb{P}_1^1 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{P}_{i-1}^1 \times \mathbb{P}_{i+1}^1 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{P}_{n+1}^1 \simeq P(n), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} p^i: P(n+1) &\rightarrow \mathbb{P}_i^1 \simeq \mathbb{P}^1, \\ p_i: P(n+1) &\rightarrow P(n+1)_i \end{aligned}$$

as the natural projection. Let  $H_i$  be the divisor class of  $(p^i)^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$ , then  $P(n+1)$  is a Fano manifold of dimension  $n+1$  and its canonical divisor has the form  $-K_{P(n+1)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} 2H_i$ . Therefore, by the adjunction formula, the generic hypersurface  $X_n \subset P(n+1)$  has trivial canonical divisor if and only if it has multidegree  $(2, 2, \dots, 2)$ . More strongly, for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $X_n = (2, 2, \dots, 2)$  becomes a Calabi-Yau manifold of dimension  $n$  and, for  $n = 2$ , a  $K3$  surface (i.e. 2-dimensional Calabi-Yau manifold). This is shown by the same method as in the proof of Theorem 3.3.

From now,  $X_n$  is a generic hypersurface of  $P(n+1)$  of multidegree  $(2, 2, \dots, 2)$  with  $n \geq 3$ . Let us write  $P(n+1) = \mathbb{P}_i^1 \times P(n+1)_i$ . Let  $[x_{i1} : x_{i2}]$  be the homogeneous coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}_i^1$ . Hereafter, we consider the affine locus and denote by  $x_i = \frac{x_{i2}}{x_{i1}}$  the affine coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}_i^1$  and by  $\mathbf{z}_i$  that of  $P(n+1)_i$ . When we pay attention to  $x_i$ ,  $X_n$  can be written by following equation

$$X_n = \{F_{i,0}(\mathbf{z}_i)x_i^2 + F_{i,1}(\mathbf{z}_i)x_i + F_{i,2}(\mathbf{z}_i) = 0\} \quad (4.1)$$

where each  $F_{i,j}(\mathbf{z}_i)$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ) is a quadratic polynomial of  $\mathbf{z}_i$ . Now, we consider the two involutions of  $P(n+1)$ :

$$\tau_i: (x_i, \mathbf{z}_i) \rightarrow \left( -x_i - \frac{F_{i,1}(\mathbf{z}_i)}{F_{i,0}(\mathbf{z}_i)}, \mathbf{z}_i \right) \quad (4.2)$$

$$\sigma_i: (x_i, \mathbf{z}_i) \rightarrow \left( \frac{F_{i,2}(\mathbf{z}_i)}{x_i \cdot F_{i,0}(\mathbf{z}_i)}, \mathbf{z}_i \right). \quad (4.3)$$

Then  $\tau_i|_{X_n} = \sigma_i|_{X_n} = \iota_i$  by definition of  $\iota_i$  (cf. Theorem 1.1).

We get two birational automorphisms of  $X_n$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_i &= \sigma_i \circ \tau_i: (x_i, \mathbf{z}_i) \rightarrow \left( \frac{F_{i,2}(\mathbf{z}_i)}{-x_i \cdot F_{i,0}(\mathbf{z}_i) - F_{i,1}(\mathbf{z}_i)}, \mathbf{z}_i \right) \\ \rho'_i &= \tau_i \circ \sigma_i: (x_i, \mathbf{z}_i) \rightarrow \left( \frac{-x_i \cdot F_{i,1}(\mathbf{z}_i) + F_{i,2}(\mathbf{z}_i)}{x_i \cdot F_{i,0}(\mathbf{z}_i)}, \mathbf{z}_i \right). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, both  $\rho_i$  and  $\rho'_i$  are in  $\text{Ine}(P(n+1), X_n)$ , map points not in  $X_n$  to other points also not in  $X_n$ , and  $\rho_i^{-1} = \rho'_i$  by  $\tau_i^2 = \sigma_i^2 = \text{id}_{P(n+1)}$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** *Each  $\rho_i$  has infinite order.*

*Proof.* By the definition of  $\rho_i$  and  $\rho'_i = \rho_i^{-1}$ , it suffices to show

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & F_{i,2} \\ -F_{i,0} & -F_{i,1} \end{pmatrix}^k \neq \alpha I$$

for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  where  $I$  is an identity matrix and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ . Their eigenvalues are

$$\frac{-F_{i,1} \pm \sqrt{F_{i,1}^2 - 4F_{i,0}F_{i,2}}}{2}.$$

Here  $F_{i,1}^2 - 4F_{i,0}F_{i,2} \neq 0$  as  $X_n$  is general (for all  $i$ ).

If  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & F_{i,2} \\ -F_{i,0} & -F_{i,1} \end{pmatrix}^k = \alpha I$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\times$ , then

$$\left( \frac{-F_{i,1} + \sqrt{F_{i,1}^2 - 4F_{i,0}F_{i,2}}}{-F_{i,1} - \sqrt{F_{i,1}^2 - 4F_{i,0}F_{i,2}}} \right)^k = 1,$$

a contradiction to the assumption that  $X_n$  is generic.  $\square$

We also remark that Proposition 4.1 is also implicitly proved in Theorem 4.2.

Our main result is the following (which is same as Theorem 1.3):

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $X_n \subset P(n+1)$  be a smooth hypersurface of multidegree  $(2, 2, \dots, 2)$  and  $n \geq 3$ . Then:*

- (1)  $\gamma: \text{Dec}(P(n+1), X_n) \rightarrow \text{Bir}(X_n)$  is surjective, in particular Question 2.2 is affirmative for  $X_n$ .
- (2) If, in addition,  $X_n$  is generic,  $n+1$  elements  $\rho_i \in \text{Ine}(P(n+1), X_n)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ) satisfy

$$\langle \rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_{n+1} \rangle \simeq \underbrace{\mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z} * \cdots * \mathbb{Z}}_{n+1} \subset \text{Ine}(P(n+1), X_n).$$

In particular,  $\text{Ine}(P(n+1), X_n)$  is an infinite non-commutative group.

Let  $\text{Ind}(\rho)$  be the union of the indeterminacy loci of each  $\rho_i$  and  $\rho_i^{-1}$ ; that is,  

$$\text{Ind}(\rho) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n+1} (\text{Ind}(\rho_i) \cup \text{Ind}(\rho_i^{-1}))$$
 where  $\text{Ind}(\rho_i)$  is the indeterminacy locus of  $\rho_i$ .  
Clearly,  $\text{Ind}(\rho)$  has codimension  $\geq 2$  in  $P(n+1)$ .

*Proof.* Let us show Theorem 4.2 (1). Suppose  $X_n$  is generic. For a general point  $x \in P(n+1)_i$ , the set  $p_i^{-1}(x)$  consists of two points. When we put these two points  $y$  and  $y'$ , then the correspondence  $y \leftrightarrow y'$  defines a natural birational involutions of  $X_n$ , and this is the involution  $\iota_j$ . Then, by Cantat-Oguiso's result [CO11, Theorem 3.3 (4)],  $\text{Bir}(X_n)$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) coincides with the group  $\langle \iota_1, \iota_2, \dots, \iota_{n+1} \rangle \simeq \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} * \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} * \dots * \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}_{n+1}$ .

Two involutions  $\tau_j$  and  $\sigma_j$  of  $X_n$  which we construct in (4.2) and (4.3) are the extensions of the covering involutions  $\iota_j$ . Hence,  $\tau_j|_{X_n} = \sigma_j|_{X_n} = \iota_j$ . Thus  $\gamma$  is surjective. Since automorphisms of  $X_n$  come from that of total space  $P(n+1)$ , it holds the case that  $X_n$  is not generic. This completes the proof of Theorem 4.2 (1).

Then, we show Theorem 4.2 (2). By Proposition 4.1, order of each  $\rho_i$  is infinite. Thus it is sufficient to show that there is no non-trivial relation between its  $n+1$  elements  $\rho_i$ . We show by arguing by contradiction.

Suppose to the contrary that there is a non-trivial relation between  $n+1$  elements  $\rho_i$ , that is, there exists some positive integer  $N$  such that

$$\rho_{i_1}^{n_1} \circ \rho_{i_2}^{n_2} \circ \dots \circ \rho_{i_l}^{n_l} = \text{id}_{P(n+1)} \quad (4.4)$$

where  $l$  is a positive integer,  $n_k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq l$ ), and each  $\rho_{i_k}$  denotes one of the  $n+1$  elements  $\rho_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+1$ ) and satisfies  $\rho_{i_k} \neq \rho_{i_{k+1}}$  ( $0 \leq k \leq l-1$ ). Put  $N = |n_1| + \dots + |n_l|$ .

In the affine coordinates  $(x_{i_1}, \mathbf{z}_{i_1})$  where  $x_{i_1}$  is the affine coordinates of  $i_1$ -th factor  $\mathbb{P}_{i_1}^1$ , we can choose two distinct points  $(\alpha_1, \mathbf{z}_{i_1})$  and  $(\alpha_2, \mathbf{z}_{i_1})$ ,  $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$ , which are not included in both  $X_n$  and  $\text{Ind}(\rho)$ .

By a suitable projective linear coordinate change of  $\mathbb{P}_{i_1}^1$ , we can set  $\alpha_1 = 0$  and  $\alpha_2 = \infty$ . When we pay attention to the  $i_1$ -th element  $x_{i_1}$  of the new coordinates, we put same letters  $F_{i_1,j}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1})$  for the definitional equation of  $X_n$ , that is,  $X_n$  can be written by

$$X_n = \{F_{i_1,0}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1})x_{i_1}^2 + F_{i_1,1}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1})x_{i_1} + F_{i_1,2}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1}) = 0\}.$$

Here the two points  $(0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1})$  and  $(\infty, \mathbf{z}_{i_1})$  not included in  $X_n \cup \text{Ind}(\rho)$ . From the assumption, both two equalities hold:

$$\begin{cases} \rho_{i_1}^{n_1} \circ \dots \circ \rho_{i_l}^{n_l}(0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) = (0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) \\ \rho_{i_1}^{n_1} \circ \dots \circ \rho_{i_l}^{n_l}(\infty, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) = (\infty, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}). \end{cases} \quad (4.5)$$

$$(4.6)$$

We proceed by dividing into the following two cases.

(i). The case where  $n_1 > 0$ . Write  $\rho_{i_1} \circ \rho_{i_1}^{n_1-1} \circ \rho_{i_2}^{n_2} \circ \dots \circ \rho_{i_l}^{n_l} = \text{id}_{P(n+1)}$ .

Let us denote  $\rho_{i_1}^{n_1-1} \circ \dots \circ \rho_{i_l}^{n_l}(0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) = (p, \mathbf{z}'_{i_1})$ , then, by the definition of  $\rho_{i_1}$ , it maps  $p$  to 0. That is, the equation  $F_{i_1,2}(\mathbf{z}'_{i_1}) = 0$  is satisfied. On the other hand, the intersection of  $X_n$  and the hyperplane  $(x_{i_1} = 0)$  is written by

$$X_n \cap (x_{i_1} = 0) = \{F_{i_1,2}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1}) = 0\}.$$

This implies  $(0, \mathbf{z}'_{i_1}) = \rho_{i_1}(p, \mathbf{z}'_{i_1}) = (0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1})$  is a point on  $X_n$ , a contradiction to the fact that  $(0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) \notin X_n$ .

(ii). The case where  $n_1 < 0$ . Write  $\rho_{i_1}^{-1} \circ \rho_{i_1}^{n_1+1} \circ \rho_{i_2}^{n_2} \circ \cdots \circ \rho_{i_l}^{n_l} = \text{id}_{P(n+1)}$ .

By using the assumption (4.6), we lead the contradiction by the same way as in (i). Precisely, we argue as follows.

Let us write  $x_{i_1} = \frac{1}{y_{i_1}}$ , then  $(x_{i_1} = \infty, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) = (y_{i_1} = 0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1})$  and  $X_n$  and  $\rho_{i_1}^{-1}$  can be written by

$$X_n := \{F_{i_1,0}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1}) + F_{i_1,1}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1})y_{i_1} + F_{i_1,2}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1})y_{i_1}^2 = 0\},$$

$$\rho_{i_1}^{-1}: (y_{i_1}, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) \rightarrow \left( -\frac{F_{i_1,0}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1})}{F_{i_1,1}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1}) + y_{i_1} \cdot F_{i_1,2}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1})}, \mathbf{z}_{i_1} \right).$$

Let us denote  $\rho_{i_1}^{n_1+1} \circ \rho_{i_2}^{n_2} \circ \cdots \circ \rho_{i_l}^{n_l}(y_{i_1} = 0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) = (y_{i_1} = q, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}'')$ , then  $\rho_{i_1}^{-1}$  maps  $q$  to 0. That is, the equation  $F_{i_1,0}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1}'') = 0$  is satisfied, but the intersection of  $X_n$  and the hyperplane  $(y_{i_1} = 0)$  is written by

$$X_n \cap (y_{i_1} = 0) = \{F_{i_1,0}(\mathbf{z}_{i_1}) = 0\}.$$

This implies  $(y_{i_1} = 0, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}'') = \rho_{i_1}^{-1}(y_{i_1} = q, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}'') = (x_{i_1} = \infty, \mathbf{z}_{i_1})$  is a point on  $X_n$ ; that is,  $(x_{i_1} = \infty, \mathbf{z}_{i_1}) \in X_n \cap (x_{i_1} = \infty)$ . This is contradiction.

From (i) and (ii), we can conclude that there does not exist such  $N$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 4.2 (2).  $\square$

Note that, for the cases  $n = 2$  and 1, Theorem 4.2 (2) also holds though (1) does not hold.

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